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Dear Peggy,

I hope that Lenny can provide the translator. He thinks he can. I'm just guessing but I think his father learned to write before the written language was changed.

That so many decent and supposedly intelligent people went for the Ricky White (et al?) fabircations will, I hope, prompt you to question whatever you hear from them on the subject in general and about the de Mohrenschildts. Early on some of them invented a role for George they liked and wanted to be true but wasn't. Please keep what follows confidential because I don't want to get involved in any controversies with them that can be avoided. By now they have to know that although in the background for the most part I had a major role in what exposure of this indecency there has been to now.

I heard about it before the press conference at the Dallas center from several, one in Dallas, the other Kevin Walsh. Jim Lesar, having some doubts, asked Kevin to look into the story. What Kevin came back with should have persuaded him that it was all fakery but he and Jim and I'm sure others to a great degree were impressed by what they called strange and impressive coincidences, that Roscoe and Oswald had served in the Marines together, that the Whites and Tippits had been friends and lived across the street from each other, etc. Kevin sent me some of what he had developed and this included Roscoe's Marines records. They establish that although the two had gone to Japan together, on the Bexar, they had never served together. On where they lived, I got out my trusty old phone book and learned immediately that Ricky's story was false. They had to know this all along because their press kit, of which someone else gave me a copy, gives the White address as of the time he applied to the police for a job. It is on a different street. Before the press conference I knew enought about Ricky's tale to write Jim with the warning that Bud was involving himself in a fraud and that it could wind up in court. I wrote several times thereafter, without any response.

The people from Inside Edition behaved badly. Before they were here by about a half hour I'd gotten and read what AP had filed on the press conference and that is what I was using in what I said. Most of which wasn't used, although at the outset I d asked how long they would run so I could pace myself. I'm sure that the guy moderating the show in New York is responsible for the elimination of most of what disputed Ricky because some years ago he was wholeheartedly behind one of those espousing nut theories and who was addicted or devoted to Mark Lane and who had seen to it that I d not be invited to a symposium on the subject at the college at which he taught. Other people on the show, including these who own it, were impressed, some excited, by what they saw coming in on the satellite. Had he not edited it out Ricky would have been shot down, if anything could do that with those who were behind him. On a personal level they behaved so badly that when I asked them if they'd like us to provide lunch or take them to a good restaurant they said they'd go back to a place they'd passed coming here and bring lunch. Well, we never had any lunch that day and they kept to themselves what they brought back and left the residues for me to clean up in the basement, where they worked and we filmed. Before they were here I'd traced two of the essential parts of their Ricky concoction to two books, one of which I'd exposed as a fake when hired by a publisher to check it out after it was proposed to him, McDonald'd Appointment in Dallas. Saul and where he allegedly lucked comes from it. Red Bird Airport from a dubious footnote in Popkin's The Second Oswald. The rest, including even the diary idea, comes from George Bernau's interesting novel, Promises to Keep, which I was reading but had not gotten to where Ricky began to crib. ...I think the newly-materialized fake you refer to is Geneva's. There is more but this should be enough but it wasn't for those nuts at and connected with the Dallas Center.

= I don,t think you'll learn anything of interest from O'Neill if you hear from him but if you do, I'm interested.

Byers is another fake, spewed up by the FBI just in time to further misled the HSCA which had already deceived and misled itself. The story he invented was successfully designed to get him leniency. There must have been 100 others like it in the FBI records I got and read. All had the same purpose but his had the better timing and was more attractive to the FBI.

I have a rudimentary file on Shenker, if I recall correctly, only perhaps a few pages in the records disclosed to me, JFK, I think. I don't there there is anything of significance in it.

I never had any interest in Chrles or Sturgis because I believed they were not relevant to the actualities of the JFK assassination. But I&ll be interested if you have anything of impirtance in what you get.

Good luck and best wishes,